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## **TOWN OF BERKLEY**

**MASSACHUSETTS** 

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



September 5, 2006

Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy

Cable Division Andrea Nixon, Clerk One South Station Boston, MA 02110



Dear Ms. Nixon:

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Berkley wishes to be recognized as opposed to the Verizon petitioned amendments to state cable franchise regulations, specified as CTV-06-1.

Specifically, the reduction of the time allowed for the municipalities to properly analyze the applications submitted by enormous organizations such as Verizon puts small towns, which rely on volunteer cable committees, at a significant disadvantage.

The citizens, as usual, will have their rights trampled on for the convenience of the licensees if these changes in the regulations are approved by your department. We urge you to reject the Verizon attempt to limit local authority.

Yours truly,

Board of Selectmen

Julie E. Taylor, Chairman

Robert G. Anctil, Clerk

Mark N. Pettey, Jr., Member

CC: Senator Mark Pacheco

Representative David Sullivan